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INTEGRATED PEST MANAGEMENT
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether integrated Pest Management Programme is being implemented in various States of the country including Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the total area of land brought under the said programme so far; and

(d) the number of districts in the Kalahandi Bolangir Koraput (KBK) region of Orissa covered under the programme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Government of India has adopted Integrated Pest Management (IPM) as the cardinal principle of plant protection. Government has established 31 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres in 28 States and one Union Territory under the scheme `Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India`. The mandate of these Centres is pest/disease monitoring, production and release of bio-control agents/bio-pesticides, conservation of bio-control agents and human resource development in IPM by imparting training to agriculture/horticulture extension officers and farmers at grass root level through Farmers Field Schools (FFSs). Basic aim of FFSs is to train the farmers on the latest IPM technology. Under the scheme so far 11,299 FFSs have been organized wherein 46,750 agriculture/horticulture extension officers and 3,40,356 farmers in different States/UTs including Orissa, have been trained on latest IPM technology in various crops. IPM packages of practices for pest/disease management in 77 major crops have been developed, circulated to all States/Uts and posted on www.dacnet.nic.in/ppin for use by extension functionaries and farmers.

Government of India also provides grants-in-aid to States/UTs/NGOs for setting up of facilities for production of biocontrol agents @ Rs. 5 lakh per NGO per bio-laboratory. The State-wise details of achievements in IPM are given at the annexure.

(c): The area covered under pest monitoring since 1994-95 to 2007-08 through implementation of IPM is 108.99 lakh hectares in different crops and 26181.4 million biocontrol agents have been released for control of different pest and diseases over an area of 85.30 lakh hectares. Further, 4.52 lakh hectares has been covered under FFS programme in different crops.

(d): The district Rayagada of Kalahandi Bolangir Koraput region of Orissa has been covered under Integrated Pest Management (IPM) through Farmers` Field Schools (FFSs) programme mainly in cotton and rice crops.